

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7, 17 and 19 as follows. Please add claims 3-25 as follows. A copy and status of all claims are provided below.

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1. (Canceled)
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6. (Original) A caliper body of a vehicular disc brake to be made by a casting method, said vehicular disc brake having a pair of frictional pads disposed opposite to each other with a disc rotor held therebetween, said caliper body including a cylinder disposed on one side of the disc rotor, a reaction pawl disposed on the other side of the disc rotor, and a bridge for coupling said cylinder and said reaction pawl at the outer peripheral side of the disc rotor, said caliper body comprising:

a union hole formed at the bottom portion of said cylinder of the caliper body as a sprue for molding the caliper body with a base material, wherein the caliper body is molded with a cavity disposed with said union hole, while the side of molding said bottom portion of said cylinder is disposed in a vertically upper part of said cavity and also the side of molding said reaction pawl is disposed in a vertically lower part of said cavity.

7. (Currently Amended) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 6, wherein the one side of providing said cylinder is made an action chamber; the other side of providing said reaction pawl and said bridge is made a reaction chamber; and a thick-walled connection between said cylinder and said bridge is made a central chamber, and wherein in the state of cast metal after casting but before being subjected to a cutting process,

the ratio of volume of the central chamber to that of the reaction chamber is in the range of 0.6 to 1.25, and

the ratio of volume of the central chamber to that of the action chamber is in the range of 0.7 to 1.35.

8. (Previously Amended) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 6, wherein the one side of providing said cylinder is made an action chamber; the other side of providing said reaction pawl and said bridge is made a reaction chamber; and a thick-walled connection between said cylinder and said bridge is made a central chamber, and

wherein in the state of cast metal after casting and subjected to a cutting process, the ratio of volume of the central chamber to that of the reaction chamber is in the range of 0.6 to 1.25, and

the ratio of volume of the central chamber to that of the action chamber is in the range of 0.7 to 1.35.

9. (Original) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 6, wherein said cylinder is singly disposed in the central portion of said one side.

10. (Original) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 7, wherein said cylinder is singly disposed in the central portion of said one side.

11. (Original) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 8, wherein said cylinder is singly disposed in the central portion of said one side.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 6, wherein said base material is aluminum or aluminum alloy.

14. (Original) The caliper body of a vehicular disc brake as claimed 6, wherein said caliper body is made by a gravity casting method.

15. (Original) A caliper body of a vehicular disc brake to be made by a casting method, the caliper body being used for the vehicular disc brake wherein a pair of frictional pads disposed opposite to each other with a disc rotor held therebetween, the caliper body having a cylinder disposed on one side of the disc rotor, a reaction pawl disposed on the other side of the disc rotor, and a bridge for coupling said cylinder and said reaction pawl on the outer peripheral side of the disc rotor, wherein the caliper body is cast by a cavity with the side of molding the bottom portion of said cylinder disposed in the upper part of and in the vertical direction of said cavity and with the side of molding said reaction pawl disposed in the lower part of and in the vertical direction thereof.

16. (Original) The caliper body of a vehicular disc brake as claimed 15, wherein said caliper body is made by a gravity casting method.

17. (Currently Amended) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 6, wherein the union hole is positioned in the vertically upper part of the cavity and the sprue is disposed in the union hole as the bottom portion of the cylinder to inject the base material into the cavity.

18. (Previously Added) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 6, wherein the base material is injected in symmetry about an insert core.

19. (Currently Amended) A caliper body of a vehicular disc brake to be made by a casting method, said vehicular disc brake having a pair of frictional pads disposed opposite to each other with a disc rotor held therebetween, said caliper body including a cylinder disposed

on one side of the disc rotor, a reaction pawl disposed on the other side of the disc rotor, and a bridge for coupling said cylinder and said reaction pawl at the outer peripheral side of the disc rotor, said caliper body comprising:

a union hole formed at the bottom portion of said cylinder of the caliper body as a sprue for molding the caliper body with a base material, wherein the caliper body is molded with a cavity disposed with said union hole, while the side of molding said bottom portion of said cylinder is disposed in a vertically upper part of said cavity and also the side of molding said reaction pawl is disposed in a vertically lower part of said cavity,

wherein a flange portion of the union hole is formed by processing the sprue after a the casting.

20. (Previously Added) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a core within the cavity thereby causing the base material injected from the sprue to run toward the bridge thereby ensuring that the base material runs round toward said reaction pawl.

21. (Previously Added) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 20, further comprising a thick walled portion with the base material between said cylinder and said bridge.

22. (Previously Added) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 21, wherein:

solidification of the base material starts from said reaction pawl; and

the solidification of the base material progresses toward said thick walled portion where the solidification is slower such that even though the volume of said reaction pawl is reduced because of the solidification, a supply of the base material from said thick walled portion continues due to a supply effect based on the ratio of volume, whereby any sink mark is prevented from being produced in the reaction pawl.

23. (Currently Added) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 6, wherein the base material is injected through a cavity so as to reach into portions of said cavity to be said reaction pawl and said cylinder.

24. (Currently Added) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 15, wherein a base material is injected through a cavity so as to reach into portions of said cavity to be said reaction pawl and said cylinder.

25. (Currently Added) The caliper body of the vehicular disc brake as claimed in claim 19, wherein the base material is injected through a cavity so as to reach into portions of said cavity to be said reaction pawl and said cylinder.